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We had a meeting of Ambassadors this morning in the Wallace Library at the Embassy at ten o'clock. Messrs. Aldrich, Conant, Dillon and myself were there together with Bob Hooker from the London Embassy, Bob Joyce from the Paris Embassy, and Tommy. We ranged over a large number of problems, particularly the German one. It was agreed [redacted] it might be necessary to have a similar meeting after the Soviet Government had responded to the Allied notes. Dr. Conant ventured the speculation that the Soviet Government would refuse the four-power meeting within the offered terms of reference.

I took them all to lunch at home where John Hughes joined us.

We reconvened for a short time this afternoon but without any intention of making recommendations to Washington. It was decided [redacted] the next meeting would take place in Luxembourg on September 10 and that Claire Luce would probably be invited to attend.

We discussed the Saar situation at length and reached agreement that nothing should be done regarding it from the American Government side until after the German elections. Conant thinks, according to present indications, that the Chancellor will be returned to power.

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